

Christopher Columbus, a native of Genoa, donated one-tenth of his income from the discovery of the Americas for Spain to the Bank of Saint George in Genoa for the relief of taxation on foods. The Spanish connection was reinforced by Andrea Doria, who established a new constitution in 1528, making Genoa a satellite of the Spanish Empire.

During World War II the British fleet bombarded Genoa and one shell fell into the cathedral of San Lorenzo without exploding. It is now available for public viewing on the cathedral premises. The city was liberated by the partisans a few days before the arrival of the Allies. In 2004, the European Union designated Genoa as the European Capital of Culture, along with the French city of Lille.

We set sail for Valletta, Malta at 5:00 PM

Fri, May 20th: at sea



The beautiful **St. Paul's Church in Rabat** stands above a grotto where St. Paul is said to have taken refuge after his shipwreck on Malta.

Sat, May 21st: Valletta, Malta

Arrival 7:00 AM Departure 1:00 PM

Optional Excursions will be offered

Valletta is the capital city of Malta. It contains buildings from the 16th century onwards, built during the rule of the Knights of St. John of Jerusalem. The city is essentially Baroque in character, with elements of Mannerist, Neo-Classical and Modern architecture in selected areas, though World War II left major scars on the city. The City of Valletta was officially recognized as a [World Heritage Site by UNESCO in 1980](#).

The Collegiate Parish Church of St Paul's Shipwreck, also known as simply the Church of St Paul's Shipwreck, is one of Valetta's oldest churches. The wooden statue of St Paul the Apostle was carved in 1657 by Melchiorre Gafà, the brother of Lorenzo Gafà who remodeled the church in 1680. The statue is paraded through the streets of Valletta on the feast day of St Paul's Shipwreck, February 10 generally under heavy rainfall.

St Paul is considered to be the spiritual father of the Maltese. His shipwreck is popularly considered as the greatest event in the nation's history. For this reason, St Paul's Collegiate Church is one of the most important in Malta. You can view the treasured relic of the right wrist-bone of St Paul, and part of the column on which the saint was beheaded in Rome.

We set sail for Gythion, Greece at 1:00 PM

Sun, May 22nd: Gythion, Greece

Arrival 2:00 PM Departure 8:30 PM

Gythion is the largest town in Mani and is part of the **Peloponnese** region. The town has a typical marine climate which is warm and humid. Gythion is connected to the mainland by a dam which serves as a protection against the sea. It is a picturesque town full of pine trees and has a view of the Pamon mountain range in the east and Teygetos in the west.

We set sail for Port Said, Egypt at 8:30 PM

Mon, May 23rd: at sea



Tue, May 24th: Port Said, Egypt Arrival 8:00 AM Departure 10:00 PM

Cairo, the busy Egyptian capital, with a multitude of activities and high population concentration is a typical metropolitan city close to the desert. The desert route, leading to the internal part of the country, is the path of the Pyramids and of the Sphinx. Giza, Cheops, Chefren, Zoster and Micerino as well as Mereuka Mastaba make for an extraordinary excursion. Besides the Egyptian Museum representing the most significant reference point for collections of objects, ornaments, documents and sarcophagi of the Egyptian time and of the Pharaohs, the ancient capital Memphis is most attractive with the mysterious monument, the Colossus of Ramses II.

Cairo is presently a city with over 12 million inhabitants. In recent years, two highways were built, an underground (the first in Africa), and three new railway lines making connections among Egypt and its capital more effective and frequent, with an almost exasperated form of commuting.

One of many Excursions offered

**Optional Tour Cairo, Pyramids of Giza & Cruise on the Nile (with lunch) Approx, Price \$ 150.00
Price is subject to change**

Depart from the city of Port Said in luxury a/c motor coaches en route to Africa's largest city, the teeming metropolis of Cairo. Your first stop will be at Tahrir (Liberty) Square, the heart of down town Cairo. Visit the National Archaeological Museum and acquaint yourself with Egypt's ancient history, spanning a period of over 50 centuries. The Museum is the repository of the world's largest and richest collection of Egyptian Antiquities amongst them the priceless collection of King Tutankhamen. At the banks of the River Nile downtown a luxurious cruise boat awaits to sail you on the same timeless waterway traversed by Pharaohs, Queens and Nobles thousands of years ago. Sit back, relax and enjoy a sumptuous buffet lunch in elaborate interiors as you glide past Cairo's waterfront landmarks. For your entertainment, a folkloric presentation and belly dancing will take place during lunch. After lunch drive to the Giza Plateau, where the only remaining Wonder of the Ancient World, the Pyramids of Giza still stand. Visit the Pyramids and enjoy panoramic views from the Western Plateau. Your coach will park at the base of Chephren's pyramid and time will be allocated to explore the site on your own. Continue down the valley where the guardian of this mortuary complex, the mighty Sphinx lies watching the passage of time and men in eons of silence its expression is an enigma yet to be unraveled. Visit a Papyrus Institute where the art of paper making from reeds discovered by the Ancient Egyptians will be demonstrated for you. Limited time for souvenir shopping will also be allocated before you commence the return drive to Alexandria.

We set sail for Ashdod, Israel at 10:00 PM



Wed, May 25th: Ashdod, Israel Arrival 8:00 AM

Ashdod is one of the most important ports in Israel, gateway to the most renowned places in the Holy Land, acknowledged by Christianity, the Bible and a tradition long lost in history. Just a few kilometres away from the coast, the landscape is typically Middle Eastern, evoking images of the Bible. Great impulse derived from the recent celebration of Jerusalem's 3000 years, which attracted, in the Holy City, millions of people who attended a very full calendar of cultural, historic and musical events. All the other cities prepared a series of events, which made a holiday to Israel interesting from several points of view and certainly entertaining and educating. Perhaps the most impressive route from Ashdod is the road to Bethlehem and to Jerusalem. Bethlehem's Nativity Church is one of the most attended religious sites in the world. Every year a multitude of Christians from all possible churches gather here. At a short distance, Jerusalem is the "Holy City", the city of the crusades and the "sad return" for millions of Jews from all over the world. Actually, despite these traditional images, Jerusalem is not just appreciated for its historical monuments such as the Wailing Wall, the Via Dolorosa, the Holy Sepulchre, King David tomb, the magnificent Dormition Church and the Garden of Gethsemane, but also for the activity of the historical quarters, bustling with commerce.

Today walk in the Footsteps of Jesus. On today's **optional excursion** follow the life of Jesus from His birth in Bethlehem to His death in Jerusalem

One of many Excursions offered

Optional Tour to Jerusalem & Bethlehem - Approx, Price \$ 130.00 Prices are subject to change

A panoramic drive of approx. 1 ½ hours brings you to Jerusalem, giving you the chance of catching a glimpse of Israel, old and new. Upon your arrival in town, your motor coach will drive through West Jerusalem, passing by the Knesset - Israel Parliament, the Supreme Court and the Museum of Israel with the Shrine of the Book. You will be amazed by the breath taking panorama from the Mount of Olives, where you will have a photo stop. The second visit will be the Gethsemane Garden and the Church of all Nations. The Garden of Gethsemane is at the foot of the Mount of Olives. It is the place where Jesus and his disciples prayed the night before Jesus' crucifixion. The Church of All Nations enshrines a section of bedrock where Jesus is said to have prayed before his arrest. Next we have a guided tour in the old city of Jerusalem starting with a stroll through the famous quarters of the old city. Until the 1860s this area constituted the entire city of Jerusalem. The Old City is home to several sites of key religious importance: the Temple Mount and its Western Wall for Jews, the Church of the Holy Sepulchre for Christians, and the Dome of the Rock and al-Aqsa Mosque for Muslims. Traditionally, the Old City has been divided into four quarters, although the current designations were introduced only in the 19th century. Today, the Old City is roughly divided into the Muslim Quarter, the Christian Quarter, the Jewish Quarter and the Armenian Quarter. The Jewish Quarter of the Old City was largely destroyed by Jordan following the 1948 Arab-Israeli War. In 1980, Jordan proposed the Old City to be inscribed on the [UNESCO World Heritage Site](#) List. It was added to the List in 1981. The Wailing Wall, sometimes referred to as the Kotel and as al-Buraaq Wall by Muslims, is one of the most important Jewish religious site. Just over half the wall, including its 17 courses located below street level, dates from the end of the Second Temple period, being constructed around 19 BCE by Herod the Great, while the remaining layers were added from the 7th century onwards. The tour will continue to Bethlehem, where you will have lunch (on your own) followed by free time to stroll around and get some souvenirs from the Holy Land. The main site you will visit in will be the Church of the Nativity, one of the oldest continuously operating churches in the world. The structure is built over the cave that tradition marks as the birthplace of Christ, and it is considered sacred by followers of both Christianity and Islam. Return to Ashdod where you will join the ship.

We set sail for Limassol, Cyprus at 7:00 PM

Thu, May 26th: Limassol, Cyprus Arrival 8:00 AM Departure 1:30 PM

Optional Excursions will be offered

Cyprus derives its name from the Latin "cuprum" (copper). In fact, mines in the southern part of the island are rich with copper, still extracted today and manufactured in the artistic Cypriot way.

After landing at Salamis and proclaiming the Word of God in the synagogues, St. Paul traveled along the entire southern coast of the island of Cyprus until they reached Paphos. There, Sergius Paulus, the

Roman proconsul, was converted after Paul rebuked the Sorcerer Elymas. It was at that point that Saul effectively became the leader. He was from then on called Paul, rather than his former name, Saul.

We set sail for Heraklion, Crete at 1:30 PM



Fri, May 27th: Heraklion, Crete Arrival 1:30 PM Departure 6:30 PM

The history of the city **Heraklion** dates from the Neolithic period. The monuments found in the area testify to the rich past of the Minoan, Byzantine and Venetian periods. Today the city has a population of 150,000 people, the fourth biggest in Greece.

Because of its geographic position, Heraklion affords an ideal starting point for the visitor to explore the sights of the island.

History lovers can enjoy the main archaeological monuments of Crete like the ancient city of Knossos, the archaeological site of Faistos and the ancient village-town of Arhanes situated near Heraklion.

Its rich history, beautiful natural surroundings coupled with the Mediterranean climate make Heraklion an ideal holiday destination for the last 40 years.

We set sail for Sorrento, Italy at 6:30 PM

Sat, May 28th: at sea



Sun, May 29th: Sorrento, Italy Arrival 8:00 AM Departure 1:00 PM

Sorrento is a small town in Campania, with some 16,500 inhabitants. It is a popular tourist destination which can be reached easily from Naples and Pompeii, as it lies at the south-eastern end of the Circumvesuviana rail line. The town overlooks the Bay of Naples. It is the key place of the Sorrentine Peninsula, and many viewpoints allow sight of Naples, Vesuvius and the Isle of Capri. The Amalfi Drive begins in Sorrento. It is a narrow road that threads along the high cliffs above the Tyrrhenian Sea. Ferry boats and hydrofoils provide services to Naples, Amalfi, Positano, Capri and Ischia. Sorrento's sea cliffs and luxury hotels have attracted famous personalities, including Enrico Caruso and Luciano Pavarotti.

Sorrento is famous for the production of limoncello, which is made from lemon rinds, alcohol, water and sugar. Other agricultural production includes citrus fruit, wine, nuts and olives.

We set sail for Genoa, Italy at 1:00 PM

Mon, May 30th: Genoa, Italy Arrival 10:00 AM

Upon arrival in Genoa we are transferred to the airport for our return flight to the USA.

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